

Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims The claims have been amended to more particularly point out and more distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention.

It is believed that the primary reference relied upon by the Examiner is EP 340,089 (Vornholt and Thoren).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 2 and 3 expressly therein. The claim now states that the interlayer is a unitary member and the specific material of the interlayer is recited. The spacing layer (6) in the reference appears to be formed from a plurality of plies and is not a unitary structure.

In addition the claim now makes clear that the receptor extends through an opening in the first glass sheet (e.g., the sheet 14) and that a portion of the interlayer lines the opening and supports the receptor as it passes therethrough. The claims also expressly states that both the open end of the receptor and the portion of the interlayer lining the opening are coplanar with the outer surface of the first glass sheet. It is noted that in the primary reference the ends of the threaded cylinder (9) and the portion of the spacer (6) lining the opening are recessed below the surface of the glass sheet.

Particular attention is invited to claim 7 which further specifies that the second sheet of glass also has an opening therein and that the second end of the receptor and the lining of the second opening being coplanar with the second surface of the second sheet.

Attention is invited to claims 9 and 11 which further particularize the tapered configuration of the openings in the first and second glass sheets and the tapered configuration of the receptor extending therethrough.

All of these structural limitations are believed to define a bolted glass system that is not anticipated nor rendered obvious under by the references relied upon by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, as the case may be.

The remaining dependent claims have been amended to properly limit the subject matter of claim 1, thus overcoming any basis for rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph.

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In view of the foregoing all of the pending claims are believed to define patentable subject matter and that this application now stands in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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